CACFP Definitions

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Below is a visual chart that explains some of the CACFP definitions. One term, which has caused confusion among some organizations, is affiliated center. If your organization has more than one site that is claimed for CACFP reimbursement, then it is called a center sponsor. A center can be an affiliated center (part of the same legal entity as the sponsor) or an unaffiliated center (not part of the same legal entity as the sponsor). Affiliated centers all use the same Federal Employee ID number. A center sponsor may have affiliated and/or unaffiliated centers.

The new regulations also reference institutions. This is a new term in CACFP lingo. Any organization that signs a contract with the State Agency to administer the CACFP is considered an institution.

We hope that this information will provide some clarification when completing the application materials for fiscal year 2004.

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INSTITUTION—any organization that signs an agreement with the SA to administer the **CACFP** INDEPENDENT CENTER **SPONSOR** Signs agreement with SA to operate Signs agreement with SA to operate the Program in one or more facility the Program in one center [sponsored center or home] A sponsor can be either a **CENTER SPONSOR HOME SPONSOR** Operates the Program in: *Operates the Program in:* --l or more unaffiliated center --1 or more day care home --2 or more affiliated centers A center sponsor can operate the Program in either an AFFILIATED CENTER— **UNAFFILIATED CENTER** Sponsored centers that are part of Day Care Home the same legal entity as the sponsor Sponsored centers that are <u>not</u> part of the same legal entity as the sponsor **FACILITY** Any day care home or Any sponsored center